

News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: November 2012

1. Collaboration on Future NIH News Releases and Other Media

In collaboration with your institution, NINR seeks to promote and disseminate published results of NINR-funded research through the publication of press releases and other media. Should you have an accepted research article (page proof) that you wish to share with NINR, please send an email to info@ninr.nih.gov.

2. Dr. Grady Authors *Applied Nursing Research* Editorial on the Evolution of NINR

A guest editorial from NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady appeared in the November 2012 issue of *Applied Nursing Research*. Dr. Grady's editorial, entitled "The National Institute of Nursing Research: Delivering on the Promise," discussed the evolution of NINR from a "vision of pioneers in health and science policy" to becoming the "national hub for biobehavioral, crosscutting scientific research."

In 1985, Congress called for the establishment of the National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR) and then supported its re-designation to the NINR in 1993 through federal legislation. Dr. Grady states in the article, "NCNR and NINR have worked with the nursing and nursing science communities to build a mature and vigorous research institute that is intrinsically agile and responsive to the health challenges and scientific opportunities of the 21st century."

"In the new millennium, nurse scientists are exploring virtually every domain of biomedicine and health and every virtual domain of 21st century technology and engineering. Working together with scientific, clinical, and community partners, NINR looks forward to advancing scientific discovery and to delivering on the promise of these discoveries through enduring improvements in the health and well-being of the public we serve," Dr. Grady wrote.

The full text of the article is available online at:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0897189712000286>

3. 2013 Graduate Partnerships Program Open for Applications

The application period for the 2013 NINR Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) is now open.

The NINR GPP combines the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at NIH. The program is open to any doctoral (PhD) student currently enrolled in a school of nursing. Preference is given to applicants with a commitment to a career as an innovative and creative leader in the nursing and scientific research community and a research interest that is congruent with focused research areas in the NIH Intramural Research Programs.

For more information on the 2013 GPP, visit www.ninr.nih.gov/gpp or send an email with "NINR GPP" in the subject line to NINRIRPTraining@mail.nih.gov.

The application deadline is January 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

4. New Research Highlight: Child Disruptive Behavior and Parenting Efficacy

Research by Principal Investigator Dr. Sandee McClowry, Professor of Applied Psychology at New York University and Co-Principal Investigator Dr. Erin O'Connor, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at New York University, was recently highlighted on the NINR website.

Previous research suggests that disruptive behavior in early childhood is associated with later delinquency and school failure.

The study found that a comprehensive temperament-based preventive intervention could reduce disruptive behaviors of urban children at risk for developing more serious behavioral disorders.

The work was funded by an NINR R01 grant.

For full details on this and three additional new NINR research highlights, visit:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/ResearchHighlights>.

Citation: O'Connor, E., Rodriguez, E., Cappella, E., Morris, J., McClowry, S. (2012). Child Disruptive Behavior and Parenting Efficacy: A Comparison of the Effects of Two Models of Insights. **J Community Psychol.** 2012 July; 40(5): 555–572.

5. Dr. Grady Featured in *ONS Connect* Q&A on the Impact of Nursing Research on Patient Care

NINR Director Dr. Patricia Grady was featured in a recent issue of *ONS Connect*, the official news magazine of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). In the Q&A, Dr. Grady explained how nursing research improves patient care.

“The scientists we support work to promote and improve the health of individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan, in a variety of clinical settings and within diverse populations,” Dr. Grady explained. “Our science helps to provide the evidence-driven foundation for care that is effective, affordable, and of the highest quality.”

For staff nurses interested in research, Dr. Grady indicated that there are many opportunities to get involved—starting with NINR’s free online training course, “Developing Nurse Scientists.” More information about the course and NINR’s hands-on research training programs—such as the Summer Genetics Institute, the Graduate Partnerships Program, and the Symptom Research Methodologies “Boot Camp” series— can be found at www.ninr.nih.gov.

“NINR dedicates more to training new investigators than nearly any other NIH institute or center,” Dr. Grady said. “This remains one of the main pillars of our mission.”

The full text of the article is available online at:

<http://www.onsconnect.org/2012/11/capitol/ninr-director-explains-how-nursing-research-improves-patient-care>

6. Dr. Grady Raises Awareness of Palliative Care and NINR Brochures on NIH Radio

In honor of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, NIH Radio interviewed NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady on the subject of palliative care. She emphasized that palliative care is comprehensive treatment of discomfort, symptoms, and stress of serious illnesses—“It is not the same as hospice care, although they can intersect,” she explained. “Palliative care can take place in a hospice and does, but palliative care addresses a broader range of care conditions.”

“When palliative care is available, the symptoms of pain or distress are usually reduced so that patients are able to enjoy better quality of life but also better able to participate in treatment decisions and better able to communicate with their family members and loved ones,” Dr. Grady said during the interview.

Dr. Grady also described NINR's award-winning brochure *Palliative Care: The Relief You Need When You're Experiencing the Symptoms of Serious Illness*, which is also available in Spanish. The brochures are available at www.ninr.nih.gov/palliativecarebrochure or www.ninr.nih.gov/cuidadospaliativos. Please email info@ninr.nih.gov or call NINR at 301-496-0207 to request print copies.

To hear more from Dr. Grady about palliative care, listen to the full interview or read the transcript online at: http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/E5006564-D288-4053-8DD1-CD5CED202763/0/NIHpodcast_0171Grady.mp3.

7. 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit Rescheduled

The 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit has been rescheduled for Monday, December 17 to Wednesday, December 19, 2012. The Summit will officially open on Monday, December 17 at 8:00 a.m. Workshops and pre-summit sessions previously scheduled for Wednesday, October 31 will take place on Wednesday, December 19.

The Summit is an HHS-wide endeavor involving a broad spectrum of the federal government that seeks to advance activities to eliminate health disparities. The agenda will build on the momentum of the 2008 Summit and the increased interest of federal agencies to demonstrate their commitment towards improving the health of all Americans. The Summit represents an ongoing focus on emerging science and its intersection with practice and policy, while maintaining momentum on current national and international trends in addressing the social determinants of health.

For more information, please email 2012Summit@mail.nih.gov or visit www.nimhd.nih.gov/summit_site/index.html.

8. Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR website at www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm. These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html.